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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary	Application No. 09/719,221	Applicant(s) HUBLER ET AL.	
	Examiner Edward J. Webman	Art Unit 1616	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 09 March 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 12,15,20,32,33 and 38-60 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 43,49 and 50 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 12,15,16,20,32,38,47-48 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 33,35,39-42,46,53,54 and 57-60 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 44-45,51-52,55- 56 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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Prosecution is reopened to examine the non-elected species of gestagens.

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 33, 45, 39-42, 46, 53-54, 57-60 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hesch et al (US 5,795,883) in view of Neri (US 3,423,507) .

Hesch et al disclose that it is well known in the art that androgens such as testosterone are useful in methods of treating androgen deficiency in man (column 1, lines 10-16). Such a deficiency is known to cause benign enlargements of the prostate (column 1, lines 46-54). Testosterone propionate is specified (column 1 line 13). However, Hesch et al do not disclose the addition of a gestagen.

Neri teaches cyproterone for treating benign prostate hyperplasia (title, abstract). Tablets are disclosed (column 3 line 12 et seq.),

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill to add cyproterone to the androgen deficiency treatment disclosed by Hesch et al to achieve the beneficial effect of treating the accompanying enlargement of the prostate in view of Neri. Given that Neri teaches a tablet, it would be an obvious expedient to deliver both testosterone and cyproterone in such a vehicle.

As to the claimed ranges of androgen and gestagen dosages, it is within the skill of the art to select optimal parameters such as ratios, ranges of doses or weight percents of components in order to achieve a beneficial effect. See In re Boesch, 205 USPQ 215 (CCPA 1980). Therefore,

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the ratios, ranges of doses or weight percents instantly claimed are not considered critical absent evidence showing unexpected and superior results.

Claims 33, 39-42, 46, 53-54, 57-60 are rejected. Claims 44-45, 51-52, 55-56 are objected to as dependent on a rejected claim. Claims 12, 15-16, 20, 32, 38, 47-48 are allowed.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Edward J. Webman whose telephone number is 571-272-0633. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F from 8 AM to 5 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, J. Richter, can be reached on 571-272-0646. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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